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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SEOUL

SUMMARY. THE SECRETARY'S JULY 18-20 OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE ROK EFFECTIVELY HIGHLIGHTED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE JUNE 23 ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE AND HAS PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR U.S.-ROK COOPERATION IN APPROACHING THE KOREAN QUESTION AT 28TH UNGA. END SUMMARY

1. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE ROK HAS HAD A MAJOR PUBLIC AND POLICY IMPACT AND THE ROKG WAS

DELIGHTED THAT THE VISIT CAME SO SOON AFTER PRESIDENT PARK'S JUNE 23 FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE. THE ROK PRESS ANTICIPATED THAT THE VISIT WOULD PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON A NEW UN STRATEGY AND A DECLARATION OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ROK FOREIGN POLICY CHANGE. IN A MORE MUTED VEIN, THE ROKG ALSO POSSIBLY VIEWED THIS VISIT BY RANKING U.S. CABINET OFFICERS AS FURTHER PUBLIC EVIDENCE THAT U.S.-ROK RELATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE 1972 ROK CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

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2. THE SECRETARY'S UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT

FOR THE ROKG FORMULA OF ACCEPTING TWO KOREAS IN A DE FACTO FASHION, WHILE NOT ABANDONING THE HOPE OF REUNIFICATION, WERE DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE ROKG, WHICH RIGHTLY TOOK THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS AS A FORTHRIGHT ENDORSEMENT OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY.

3. THE VISIT WAS PLAYED TO MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE IN THE ROK PRESS, WHICH RAN DAILY STORIES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY AND MRS. ROGERS. EMPHASIS IN THE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE SUBSTANTIVE SIDE OF THE VISIT WAS ON THE SECRETARY'S EXPRESSIONS OF FIRM U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ROK, ITS FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE, AND OUR MUTUAL SECURITY TIES (MOD PLAN, US FORCE PRESENCE). THE SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH PUT ON THE RECORD HIS AFFIRMATION OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE, WAS WIDELY REPORTED AND WELCOMED ON PRESS AND ON TV.

5. IN SUM, THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WAS A DRAMATIC, HIGHLY VISIBLE AND EFFECTIVE MANIFESTATION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ROKG'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY. THE VISIT FULLY MET BOTH OUR OWN POLICY OBJECTIVES AND THOSE OF THE ROKG. IT FURTHER PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR U.S.-ROK COOPERATION AS WE APPROACH THE UPCOMING UNGA AND THE DEBATE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION.
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